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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Monte G. Rydalch

Application No.: 10/686,546

Filed: October 14, 2003

For: DRILL-OPERATED TOOL TO
ASSIST IN THE OPENING OF
FIBER-OPTIC CABLES

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3481

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.